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Dear Mr. Olam,

Your letter began on the 8th and finished the 12th arrived today. Glad the material reached you safely. I look forward to the third batch.

There is much in your letter I just can't begin to go into now. I read it on arrival and will now skim through it and answer what there is time for. I hope you will be able to understand that I am just snowed under with much too much and to this is added litigation.

The police agency is not federal, not local, and is one in which there are sincere specialists in extremist activity. I had mentioned them earlier. They will make more use of this out of their office, will not provide it to any other police of any kind, and are using it only for knowledge. Here they find it helpful and are grateful for it. Those things you single out I spotted immediately in skimming it and I agree with your estimate of its importance.

Newman is not worth the time for the book is bombing. It is an old one. He blocked publication of WHITEWASH in 1965 by lying about it to a publisher who had decided to do it, saying it is inaccurate, etc. There are too many of these things, they cannot all be answered, and if one takes the time one does nothing else. I do not have a copy of it. I can't afford it. If I get one, I'll write you about it. Someone may give it to me. This does happen.

Of the things you'd like to have, the one presently easiest for me is the appendix to Oswald in New Orleans. I have a friend in Calif who has a copy and I'll write him and ask if he can have a copy made. The other things, I just am too swamped to begin to tackle with all I'm now into. There are too many urgent things I've had to let slip by because there is no time. In time, I'll do these things for you. It is just that nobody else can do them for me and I can't now take the time to gather it up and copy. I've not read what you sent, and I very much want to. But again, the problem is time.

I've not seen Turner's article, do not get Ramparts. I heard what you report from it a year and a half ago and have no reason not to believe there has been this division. However, Turner is inclined to take the unchecked word of others and if his source is mine it is not to be depended upon and traced back to RePugh.

Those things you ask if you sent seem unfamiliar and I believe you did not. Some I know you didn't, like the Viet Cong staff. I'd not forget that. There are three numbered items here in your letter and I believe you sent none. From what you there say, it is likely you did not send the rest. The scrapbooks are not only too unwieldy but also too valuable. Should I want to consult any of the clippings, which I now could not in any event, I'll ask for them, thanks.... You never identified your San Jose friend, that I recall, so if there is some special significance to these references, I did not grasp it. Sorry.... The Thorasen stuff does interest me, as I wrote. Let me know what this and other xeroxing costs and I'll send it to you... By the way, Patler has turned again, even to adopting his original Greek name, Patalos, and is now really or posing as anti-Nazi and pro-democratic. Yes, I am interested in the clippings on the bombings.... Your added comment on the 14th: Pavelic was befriended by more than Utt and by big people... I mean Artukovich... Flammonde: he stole the work of others, which is illegal. It is sycophantic work also, which is neither good nor healthy... Curriel Gonzales - I do not believe the version of either this or Kathy Palmer in Special Unit Senator. I believe it here is also inaccurate.

Your comments on Penn Jones are warranted, but try to remember he is in a tender spot, has been bombed, etc., and just hasn't been able to hold up to the pressure. I think he has flipped a bit. I hope you can feel understandingly and charitably about him. But the book is terrible.

I never said Bixby is a plant and as of today I have no reason to believe he was every with the Agency in any capacity. I think he made this up. The distinction is between who and what he was or may have been, which need not be relevant, and what he did and tried to do, which is very relevant. My interest was in what he was up to, not why or for whom, which are more difficult to assess.

I will return the enclosure as soon as I can get to a secure machine that will make a good copy of the blue typing and writing. You know, some processes are insensitive to that color and others do not do well with it. It is an interesting document. What followed it?

This material is valuable. I will be going over all of it with care, but for the present it is filed, for it is one of the too-many things I just cannot touch right now. Many, many thanks. Excuse the errors, for there also is no time for correcting them.

Sincerely,